Climate Change Adaptation and Mainstreaming--Research and Analysis to Inform USAID Priorities



Project Title	Climate Change Adaptation and MainstreamingResearch and Analysis to Inform USAID Priorities
Project Summary	Conduct research and analysis of development projects and the scientific literature to inform USAID climate change adaptation and mainstreaming priorities. The intern may also prepare for and participate in interviews with partner organizations to help identify priorities, opportunities and gaps.
Country	United States

Project Description

Weather and climate impacts are already undermining progress in reducing poverty and improving economic growth in countries around the world, as well as compromising the effectiveness and resilience of U.S. development assistance. To address this, USAID supports climate change adaptation in developing countries and applies climate risk management (CRM) to USAID development assistance. USAID's adaptation programming supports countries and communities to build their capacity to independently predict and prepare for climate variability and change so they can effectively deal with associated stresses and minimize losses and disruption. Through CRM, USAID assesses, addresses and adaptively manages climate risks to development programs in all sectors. To maximize impact, USAID climate adaptation and mainstreaming efforts should learn from experience, leverage USAID's competitive advantage, be informed by and align with the efforts of others, and address global adaptation and development priorities.

The intern will support staff in the USAID Office of Global Climate Change (E3/GCC) and the Bureau for Resilience and Food Security, Center for Resilience (RFS/CR) to conduct research and analysis that will inform USAID priorities. This includes review, analysis and summary of relevant:

- -Scientific and other literature
- -Development projects and results produced by USAID, other donor organizations, non-governmental organizations and the private sector
- -Interviews with donors and other organizations
- -Climate change adaptation priorities and gaps, including mainstreaming

The research and analysis may examine one or more of the following topics:

- -Opportunities for climate change adaptation programming that focuses on urban resilience, addresses migration, engages the private sector, responds to the COVID crisis and/or meets the needs of small island developing states (SIDS).
- -Approaches to and results of climate change mainstreaming
- -How climate adaptation and resilience relate and contribute to developing countries' Journey to Self Reliance,

including elucidation of potential capacity and commitment indicators (see Ethiopia Country Roadmap for example of existing indicators)

- -Identifying essential policies and core institutional capacities needed for countries to be sufficiently self-reliant in adapting successfully to climate change
- -How best to support climate change adaptation in developing countries with different contexts (e.g. least developed countries (LDCs), emerging markets, fragile or conflict-affected countries)

The tasks of the intern will be finalized at the start of the internship based on USAID's priorities at that time as well as the interests and skills of the intern.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)

Analytical writing

Data analysis

Research

Additional Information

The ideal candidate will have education or experience in climate change and/or international development and a strong interest in these topics.

For more information:

- -Climate Change Adaptation at USAID: https://www.climatelinks.org/adaptation
- -Climate Risk Management at USAID: https://www.climatelinks.org/climate-risk-management
- -Journey to Self Reliance: https://www.usaid.gov/selfreliance
- -Ethiopia Country Roadmap provides an example of the types of indicators USAID uses to assess country capacity and commitment: https://selfreliance.usaid.gov/country/ethiopia
- -USAID has produced timelines such as this "Mozambique Progress Toward Climate Resilience" that may inform what the Journey to Self Reliance looks like for climate adaptation:

https://www.climatelinks.org/resources/usaid-progress-toward-climate-resilience-mozambique

-Resilience at USAID: https://www.usaid.gov/resilience

Language Requirements

None